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* I Pet. 1:22-25

INT. **Matt. 16:18:** Forces of Hell not prevail against C of C. Why? Built on an eternal person and eternal truth. **24-25.** Church is the **VOICE** of that eternal message. **I Tim. 3:15.**

- I. EACH GENERATION HAS ITS BIBLE-DOUBTERS. Nothing new.
A. III. 1720. Voltaire, French infidel and satirist:
"It took 12 ignorant fishermen to establish Christianity. I will show you how one (only one!) Frenchman can destroy it all." (Knt. p. 24)
RESULTS: 1803. Twenty-five years after his death, Voltaire's home was bought by the Geneva Bible Soc. and used as a Bible-printing-house. His own personal press was used to print one entire edition of the Bible. Home used as Bible-storage-warehouse for years

Hear the Lord: "So shall my word be that goeth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it SHALL accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:11.

- B. III. 1891. Robert Ingersol, American infidel, predicted that by 1941 less than 12 people in Denver, Colo. would BELIEVE the Bible. **Today?** Over 20,000 sold year.

God speaks. "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear:..... for it shall not come near thee." Isa. 54:13-14.

II. WORD OF GOD IS LIVING BECAUSE CAME FROM THE LIVING GOD!!

- A. **Gen. 1:1-3.** **John 1:1-3.** What does TIME mean to an eternally-living God? **II Pet. 3:8-9.**
B. Man is limited by time, guided by Word of God. **Heb. 9:27**
III. TIME, represented by Washington monument in Dist. of Columbia. 500 ft. high. **HUMAN LIFETIME**, represented by width of postage stamp. How many?
C. **PRAGMATIC PROOF** of eternal-nature of God's Word.

THERE IT STANDS

Century follows century--there it stands! *The Bible!*
Empires rise and fall and are forgotten. There it stands!
Atheists rail against it. There it stands!
Agnostics smile cynically. There it stands!

Profane-prayerless-punsters characterize it. There it stands!
Unbelief abandons it. There it stands!

720,000 generations!
lifetimes!

Higher critics deny its claim to inspiration. There it stands.
The flames are kindled against it. There it stands.

The tooth of time gnaws, but makes no dent in it. There it stands!
Infidels predict its abandonment. There it stands!
Modernists try to explain it away. But to no avail..

THERE IT STANDS!! (A. Z. Conrad.)

III. WORD OF GOD LIVES ON BECAUSE IT MEETS THE NEEDS OF LIVING HUMANITY.

- A. Human nature does not change basically. **Ecc. 1:9.**
Same: **problems, headaches, heartaches, weaknesses, lusts, sins, perversions, desires and demands.**
- B. Bible does not change either. **THANK GOD! Gal. 1:8-9.**
- C. Man's needs have not changed since the beginning.
Needs: **love, truth, honesty, integrity, virtue, self-control, brotherly love, goodness, godliness, purity, hope, faith and courage.** Bible teaches all
- D. Bible lives on, not because it is **NEW**, but it is **TRUE!!**

THE ANVIL & THE HAMMERS

Last eve I passed beside the blacksmith's door,
And heard the anvil ring, the vesper chime.

Then, looking in, I saw upon the floor old hammers
worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had?" said I,
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"

"Just one", said he, "then said with twinkling eye:
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

And so....I thought, // the anvil of God's Word
For ages, skeptics blows have beat upon.
Yet, // through the noise of falling blows was heard the
anvil--still unharmed....the hammers gone!

INV: If you are NOT a Christian yet, I point you to the
LIVING WORD OF GOD. **Acts 2:38. Rom. 5:1.**

If you are miserable as **UNFAITHFUL** child of God,
I point you too to the LIVING WORD OF GOD. **Acts 8:22**

If looking for church home--point you to a congregation
which **BELIEVES IN, LOVES, CHERISHES** and **TEACHES**
the LIVING WORD OF GOD. Come, identify with us!